

Appl. No. 10/710,437
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REMARKS

1. Informalities:

5 Claims 3 and 11 are amended to revise "forth" to "fourth." No new matter is entered.

Claims 9 and 16 are amended to revise "ground" to "ground plane." No new matter is entered.

10 Withdrawal of these objections is requested.

2. Rejection of claims 1, 3-16 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph:

15 The claim 1 and 11 limitation of "immediately adjacent to" is revised such that "no layer is between an uppermost layer of the first series of layers of the multi-layered substrate and a lowermost layer of the second series of layers of the multi-layered substrate," wherein a layer is as previously defined in the respective claim, that is, a layer is not dielectric material. This amendment is fully supported by Figs. 12 and 16 and the related description. No new matter is entered.

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In view of the amendments to claims 1 and 11, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

3. Rejection of claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph:

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With regard to claim 1, the cited instance of "a first port" is revised to "the first port" since this is the same port.

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Regarding the inconsistencies in claims 2 and 12, claims 2 and 12 are cancelled.

Regarding claim 4, this claim is amended to have the circuit elements comprise inductive elements. No new matter is entered.

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Regarding claim 5, this claim is amended to have the circuit elements comprise at least one inductive element. To answer the Examiner's question, the totality of circuit elements of the filter circuits comprises at least one inductive element, that is, either the low-pass or high-pass filter has an inductive element. No new matter is entered.

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Regarding claim 6, this claim is amended to have the circuit elements comprise at least one capacitive element. To answer the Examiner's question, the totality of circuit elements of the filter circuits comprises at least one capacitive element, that is, either the low-pass or high-pass filter has a capacitive element. No new matter is entered.

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Regarding claim 13, this claim is amended to recite "an inductor plate comprises a spiral-shaped metal strip," as fully supported by the disclosure and figures. No new matter is entered.

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Regarding claims 14-15, the inductive and capacitive elements are recited as being further comprised in the lumped-element diplexer.

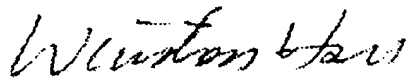
Claim 8 is amended to depend on claim 3, which has antecedent basis for "the third and fifth capacitor plates."

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According to the amendments made, the applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

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